

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (original): A member for an electroluminescent device comprising a container a part of which is made of a porous material and a removing agent capable of removing a prescribed gaseous component, the removing agent being contained in said container.
2. (original): The member according to claim 1, wherein said container is made of two sheets joined together at their peripheries, one of said two sheets being a porous sheet, and the other being a non-porous sheet.
3. (previously presented): The member according to claim 2, wherein said porous sheet is an air-permeable laminate sheet comprising a porous layer and a reinforcing layer.
4. (currently amended): ~~The member according to claim 3,~~ A member for an electroluminescent device comprising a container a part of which is made of a porous material and a removing agent capable of removing a prescribed gaseous component, the removing agent being contained in said container,  
  
wherein said container is made of two sheets joined together at their peripheries, one of said two sheets being a porous sheet, and the other being a non-porous sheet;  
  
said porous sheet is an air-permeable laminate sheet comprising a porous layer and a reinforcing layer; and

said reinforcing ~~sheet~~layer is nonwoven fabric.

5. (currently amended): ~~The member according to claim 2,~~ A member for an electroluminescent device comprising a container a part of which is made of a porous material and a removing agent capable of removing a prescribed gaseous component, the removing agent being contained in said container,

wherein said container is made of two sheets joined together at their peripheries, one of said two sheets being a porous sheet, and the other being a non-porous sheet; and

said porous sheet comprises a polyolefin-based resin.

6. (original): The member according to claim 1, wherein said removing agent is capable of removing at least one of moisture, oxygen and organic vapors.

7. (original): An electroluminescent device having a member comprising a container a part of which is made of a porous material and a removing agent capable of removing a prescribed gaseous component, the removing agent being contained in said container.

8. (original): The electroluminescent device according to claim 7, wherein said container is made of two sheets joined together at their peripheries, one of said two sheets being a porous sheet, and the other being a non-porous sheet.

9. (previously presented): The electroluminescent device according to claim 8, wherein said porous sheet is an air-permeable laminate sheet comprising a porous layer and a reinforcing layer.

10. (currently amended): ~~The electroluminescent device according to claim 9,~~ An electroluminescent device having a member comprising a container a part of which is made of a porous material and a removing agent capable of removing a prescribed gaseous component, the removing agent being contained in said container,

wherein said container is made of two sheets joined together at their peripheries, one of said two sheets being a porous sheet, and the other being a non-porous sheet;

said porous sheet is an air-permeable laminate sheet comprising a porous layer and a reinforcing layer; and

said reinforcing ~~sheet~~ layer is nonwoven fabric.

11. (currently amended): ~~The electroluminescent device according to claim 8,~~ An electroluminescent device having a member comprising a container a part of which is made of a porous material and a removing agent capable of removing a prescribed gaseous component, the removing agent being contained in said container,

wherein said container is made of two sheets joined together at their peripheries, one of said two sheets being a porous sheet, and the other being a non-porous sheet; and

said porous sheet comprises a polyolefin-based resin.

12. (original): The electroluminescent device according to claim 7, wherein said removing agent is capable of removing at least one of moisture, oxygen and organic vapors.